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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON WANG JEN-SAN, PRC
AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA

1. A CAREER DIPLOMAT EXPERIENCED IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WANG (PRONOUNCED WAHNG) JEN-SAN (3769/0086/0005) LEFT PEKING ON JULY 6, 1977 TO BECOME HIS COUNTRY'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED FROM 1973 TO 1976 AS PEKING'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO CHAD. HE SUCCESSFULLY OVERSAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN CHAD AND CHINA, PRIMARILY THROUGH ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS. BY THE END OF HIS TOUR HE HAD BECOME DEAN OF THE
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DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. WANG JEN-SAN WAS BORN IN 1915 IN SHANTUNG PROVINCE. HE APPARENTLY BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A PROVINCIAL OFFICIAL. IN 1956 HE WAS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE KIANGSU PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE AND IN 1957 HE BECAME A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT. WANG HAD RISEN TO

THE TOP PARTY POST IN KIANGSU'S SU-CHOU MUNICIPALITY BY
1961.

3. IN 1965 WANG TRANSFERRED FROM PARTY WORK TO FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AS A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S

INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LATER THAT YEAR HE WAS
APPOINTED A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
DEPARTMENT OF WEST ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS. IN
THIS CAPACITY HE TRAVELED TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC TO
CELEBRATE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE
MONARCHY. WANG RECEIVED HIS FIRST POST ABROAD IN 1966 AS
CONSUL GENERAL IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. HIS NAME APPEAR-
ED ON THE EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST UNTIL 1971, BUT IT
IS LIKELY THAT HE RETURNED TO CHINA SOMETIME DURING THE
CULTURAL REVOLUTION (1966-69), WHEN MANY DIPLOMATS WERE
RECALLED TO CHINA FOR "SELF-STUDY." AFTER HIS RETURN TO
PEKING HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE CITY'S DIPLOMATIC
SERVICES BUREAU, AN ENTITY WHICH DEALS WITH LOGISTICS
PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

4. WANG'S WIFE ACCOMPANIED HIM TO EGYPT AND CHAD. NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT WANG, PERSONAL OR OTHERWISE,
IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY IMPRESSIONS THE EMBASSY MAY GAIN OF WANG'S CHARACTER
OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL HISTORY THAT
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WOULD ADD TO CURRENT HOLDINGS. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
AMBASSADOR (EVEN A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING) WOULD BE
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